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1. NEW TURKISH RESIDENT CHARGE GOKSENIN INFORMED AMBASSADOR EVENING DEC 12 THAT HIS PREDECESSOR, CHARGE TARLAN (WHO LEFT IN OCTOBER), HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING BEHIND THIS EMBASSY'S BACK TO BUY USG AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCE AS RESIDENCE FOR TURKISH HEAD OF MISSION. TARLAN HAD RECOMMENDED PURCHASE TO ANKARA, EVIDENTLY UNDER SOME SORT OPTION TO BUY ARRANGED THROUGH LANDLADY'S DAUGHTER. GOKSENIN EXPRESSED OUTRAGE AT HIS PREDECESSOR'S UNDIPLOMATIC CONDUCT, SAID HE RECOMMENDING TO ANKARA THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED AND ASKED WIMPLY IF TURKISH EMBASSY COULD HAVE FIRST REFUSAL ON PROPERTY IF THIS EMBASSY NO LONGER INTERESTED. AMBASSADOR THANKED GOKSENIN FOR HIS ETHICAL APPROACH AND CONFIRMED TO HIM WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF RETAINING PREMISES ON LEASE FOR WHICH WE HAVE OPTIONS EXTENDING FOR GOOD MANY YEARS (FYI. NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT POSSIBILITY USG PURCHASE PROPERTY. END FYI).

2. COMMENT: HOPE ARRANGE MORE EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH GOKSENIN SOON BUT MEANWHILE ASSUME IMMEDIATE PROBLEM MAY HAVE DISAPPEARED DUE HIS UNDERSTANDING ACTION. HOWEVER, FOREGOING ONLY SERVES TO EMPHASIZE IN STRONGEST TERMS URGENT REQUIREMENT WE HAVE FOR FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO REFTEL. HOPE THAT ALL FEASIBLE BEING DONE TO DEVELOP SOURCE FINANCING IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO MEET THIS LONG-STANDING REQUIREMENT. BREWER
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